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RE:	U.S. Patent App. 09/190,378 Filed November 10, 1998 For: METHOD FOR THINNING SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS WITH CIRCUITS AND WAFERS MADE BY THE SAME	YOUR REFERENCE NUMBER:	09/190,378

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Dear Examiner Rao:

Enclosed is a copy of the Preliminary Amendment that we filed on March 28, 2000, in order to copy claims from the Sasaki Patent No. 5,888,883.

Please call me after you have factored these new claims into your restriction analysis.

Thank you for your time.


Joseph C. Andras

Cc: John Carson via fax w/o encl.

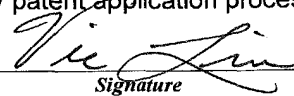

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)			Docket No. IRV1.PAU.30		
Applicant(s): Douglas M. Albert et al.					
Serial No. 09/190,378	Filing Date November 10, 1998	Examiner Unknown	Group Art Unit 3722		
Invention: METHOD FOR THINNING SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS WITH CIRCUITS AND WAFERS MADE BY THE SAME					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.					
<input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.					
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INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	3 =	1 x	\$39.00	\$39.00
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<div style="text-align:center"> Signature</div> <div>Vic Y. Lin, Reg. No. 43,754 MYERS, DAWES & ANDRAS LLP 650 Town Center Drive, Suite 650 Costa Mesa, CA 92626 (714) 444-1199</div>			Dated: March 28, 2000		
CC:			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><div>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <u>3/28/00</u> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</div><div style="text-align:center;"> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</div><div style="text-align:center;">Eric Hoover Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</div></div>		

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Patent Application

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For: METHOD FOR THINNING
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS
WITH CIRCUITS AND WAFERS
MADE BY THE SAME

Costa Mesa, California

March 28, 2000

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**AND REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE WITH A PATENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits in the above-entitled continuation application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 7, line 2, before "wafer" please insert --the--;

On page 9, line 16, after "are" please delete "choosing" and insert --chosen--;

On page 10, line 9, after "24" please delete "is" and insert --may be--;

On page 11, line 8, after "layer" please delete "24" and insert --26--;

On page 11, line 13, after "wafer" please delete "22" and insert --20 and--;

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